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I have been in business creating and printing signs for 30 years. The EPA plan for cleaning Portland Harbor would finish my business off for good. I rely on tourists. If heavy machinery is screeching and blowing black smoke everywhere or if the riverfront is closed entirely, there is not going to be many tourists stopping by. I'm sure the whole downtown area will be affected for the worse.

It would be a shame if the Willamette cleanup plan was implemented as proposed. This level of dredging doesn't seem necessary at all. The Willamette River has already eliminated a substantial amount of pollution on its own, and it is quite possible it will heal itself further in the long run. It is fine to help the process along in the worst areas, but otherwise, we should give nature a chance to solve the problem for us.

I hope the EPA will reconsider its proposal and take the interests of local residents into account. It is hard to get people to believe you have their best interests at heart if you don't listen to what they are.

Sincerely,

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